

RESOLUTION NO. 9637

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Banks, Ortiz and Duncan, naming and dedicating the City's water treatment facility at 3425 NW Water Works Drive as the Jack Alexander, Sr. Water Treatment Facility.

WHEREAS, F.S. "Jack" Alexander, Sr. was the first African-American elected to any Topeka city office, first elected in 1973; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of elected service Mr. Alexander led the City's Water Department as City Water Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander played a pivotal role in leading government in many areas, holding multiple positions across local and state government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander was a native Kansan and proud Topeka High School graduate who excelled in basketball, serving as team captain his senior year on the school's last segregated team, the Ramblers, before graduating in 1949 and being inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander served the United States and Topeka in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander was married to his beloved Matilda "Tillie" Simon for more than 71 years while they raised four children in Topeka, Patricia, Jack Jr., Stephanie and Terrell, along with several grandchildren and great grand-children; and

Mr. Alexander was well known for his love of, and involvement in, local sports, including organizing Topeka's first Black bowling league and being a fast-pitch softball player; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life and career, Mr. Alexander encouraged others to be involved in the community, serve in elected office and support the efforts of those who work on the frontlines for the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the Topeka Water Treatment Facility and Administration offices, located at 3425 NW Water Works Drive, which serves as the headquarters for the City's water operations, be officially named the "Jack Alexander Water Facility."

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on March 18, 2025.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk